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**FOR: WATER-BASED PIGMENT DISPERSION, PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE  
SAME AND WATER-BASED INK CONTAINING THE SAME**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patent  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **July 14, 2004**, extended to **December 14, 2004** by  
a **2** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: